

REMARKS

The non-final Office Action mailed on May 31, 2005 rejected claims 1, 12 and 17 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldberg et al. (US 6,513,924), rejected claim 14 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldberg et al. as applied to claims 1, 12 and 17 and further in view of Zach et al (US 2005/0067523), and rejected claims 17 and 24 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Jurrens et al. (US 6,679,599). Also, claims 17 and 24 were objected to because of no antecedent basis for several terms.

Claims 7-9 and 18 were allowed.

The drawings filed on March 21, 2005 have been accepted.

The Rejected Claims

Claims 1 and 17 are amended to broaden them in certain respects and to include the recitation of allowable subject matter (in allowed claims 7 and 18) that *the converting station provides support for the recording element to transition from one portion of a travel path for the recording element to another portion of the travel path which overlaps the one portion of the travel path*. Thus, claims 1 and 17 are believed to be allowable.

Claims 12 and 14 are cancelled.

The Specification

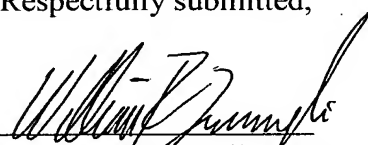
The SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION as described in successive paragraphs on pages 5-6 has been amended to describe the allowable claims.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned in the event that a phone interview will expedite prosecution of this application towards allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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